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TO : Chief, Security Research Staff

DATE: 16 February 1955

FROM : [REDACTED] A

SUBJECT: ARTICHOKE Operation, 20-23 January 1955.

4-B/3 Attached herewith is report of ARTICHOKE operations in the [REDACTED] through 23 January 1955.

This Office will hand-carry a copy of this report to [REDACTED] upon authorization from you. A G

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TO : Director of Security

VIA : Deputy Director of Security

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SUBJECT: Report of ARTICHOKE Operations, 20 to 23 January 1955.

1. Between Thursday, 20 January, and Sunday, 23 January 1955, the SO ARTICHOKE Team conducted a special operation ~~██████████~~. In the opinion of team members and participating case officers of the ~~██████████~~, the ARTICHOKE operation was successful. Details follow:

2. It should be noted at this point that because these operations were the first ARTICHOKE operations undertaken in the United States the full names of those participating are omitted from this report and will not be revealed without consent of the Security Office. First names, titles or pseudonyms will be used throughout this report.

3. In view of the highly sensitive nature of the ARTICHOKE techniques and in view of the fact that this was the first ARTICHOKE operation carried out in the United States, the operation was conducted at ~~██████████~~. This safe house is far removed from surrounding neighbors in a large tract of land and is thoroughly isolated. A limited and Security-cleared household staff maintained functions of the house and messing was by unwitting ~~██████████~~. Actual ARTICHOKE operations were, as usual, carried out in a special area on the second floor of the house and neither the household staff nor the ~~██████████~~ were permitted in the area during any of the processing. SSD Division furnished one Security Officer during the entire period of the operation to act as special guard and to handle any unusual situations which arose during the operation. This guard is hereinafter referred to as ~~██████████~~ in this report.

4. For matter of record, it should be noted that the Subject was not a confinement problem and has been, at all times, fully cooperative. Guard detail was not present in connection with the Subject except in a general sense.

5. Technical matters in the case were handled entirely by the ~~██████████~~ B/PSD under the personal supervision of ~~██████████~~. Full tape recordings were made of the entire case and tapes are to be turned over to the participating Division in the immediate future. It should be noted that

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during this particular operation, a special device was used in connection with the recording. This device, which is easily concealable, worked with remarkable efficiency and at no time during the entire recording was there any break due to technical failure. It should also be noted that a complex two-way transmitting-receiving unit was again used in this ARTICHOKE operation.

6. Cover for the actual operation followed standard procedure. The Subject was informed in general terms that before being sent for further work, it was necessary that certain tests be made on him physically and psychologically for our protection as well as his. Hence, a complete physical and psychiatric/psychological examination was required. Subject readily accepted this medical cover and the ARTICHOKE technique was introduced easily and with full consent of the Subject.

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7. Prior to the actual commencement of ARTICHOKE operations, a number of conferences had been held with the various participating personnel involved. All hands had been briefed and procedures had been worked out; a general time schedule was prepared and operating instructions for ARTICHOKE were issued.

8. On the afternoon of 20 January, the Subject and Case Officer [REDACTED] They were met [REDACTED] of the interested Division. Using a covert car, Subject was taken to the [REDACTED], arriving there at approximately 9:30 PM. Prior to this, that is, during the day of Thursday, 20 January, the technical equipment had been checked out and installed and [REDACTED] had arrived at the covert area at approximately 8:00 PM for operational purposes. By previous arrangement, the [REDACTED] was picked up by [REDACTED] at approximately 9:30 PM [REDACTED] was brought to the safe house at 10:50 PM.

9. Shortly after the arrival of [REDACTED] a preliminary conference began at approximately 11:10 PM with the Subject, [REDACTED]. At 11:33 PM, the Subject, [REDACTED] went to the operations area and a few minutes later the [REDACTED] started a general interrogation relative to Subject's background. This interrogation lasted until 12:25 when all except the Subject [REDACTED] left the operations room. Tape recording was cut off at this time.

10. As a result of this interview, [REDACTED] stated that Subject's mental and physical condition was good and noted that the pulse at 12:25 PM was 120/80. Doctor also commented he had noted an increased amount of talk after a drink of whisky and although there was some nervousness present, it

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was not excessive. [REDACTED] stated he had given Subject two grams Phenobarbital to use in assisting the Subject to sleep and it was later confirmed the Subject had taken these prior to going to sleep.

11. Subject, [REDACTED]

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Because of this successful penetration and because of the extremely high quality of information which the Subject was obtaining, the case is regarded as most sensitive and important by the participating Division. Since the Subject's information had been checked and cross-checked many times by the operating Division's case officers, the Division was of the uniform opinion that the Subject was fully legitimate and fully cooperating with our efforts. They, however, desired ARTICHOKE to give added assurances to the Subject's story and to help them determine absolute suitability for further use of the Subject in his work. For the record, it should be noted that no polygraph techniques had been applied in this case since a physical examination in [REDACTED] by apparently a cleared physician, had indicated too much nervousness for successful polygraph testing.

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12. Following established patterns and using medical cover as explained above, the [REDACTED] began the physical-psychological examination at 10:00 AM on the morning of Friday, 21 January. This examination continued until 1:00 PM when an hour was taken for lunch. At 2:00 PM, [REDACTED] again continued a general examination of the Subject with [REDACTED] being used, as before lunch, as interpreter. This examination lasted until 3:00 PM when the [REDACTED] concluded the first medical session and a portable polygraph was taken in by [REDACTED] for the purpose of polygraph testing.

13. Between 3:00 PM and 4:25 PM, [REDACTED]

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At 5:00 PM, all work concluded for the day.

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14. On Saturday, 22 January 1955, Subject had breakfast with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. At 9:35 AM, [REDACTED] arrived at the safe house and at 9:45 AM, [REDACTED] arrived. At 10:35 AM, the Subject, again with [REDACTED] acting as interpreter, was examined briefly by [REDACTED]

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the [REDACTED] At 10:50 AM, the [REDACTED] left the operations area and [REDACTED] again began polygraph testing. This examination lasted until 12:37 PM when it was concluded. [REDACTED]

Note: Official polygraph reports have been made in the case by [REDACTED] and submitted through official channels to the participating Division.

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15. Between 12:37 PM and 12:50 PM, brief conversation was held between the Subject and the [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] present in the role of interpreter as required. Lunch was served at approximately 1:00 PM.

Note: It should be noted for the record the Subject speaks and understands English quite well and [REDACTED] was used primarily by the [REDACTED] only when it was necessary to convey a true or special meaning to the Subject or when technical questions were asked that required interpretation.

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16. During this lunch period, the Subject was denied food by the [REDACTED] to insure best results in the ARTICHOKER operations which were scheduled for later in the afternoon. At 2:30 PM and after all technical and other arrangements had been made, Subject was taken into the special operations room with only the [REDACTED] present and at 2:36 PM, the first intravenous injection began. Slow injections were continued until 2:46 PM when the [REDACTED] signalled the Subject was fully affected by the chemicals and at this time special recording and transmitting equipment was brought into the operations room. Also at this time, [REDACTED] left the room and [REDACTED] entered. From this point until approximately 4:15 PM when the interrogations ended, ARTICHOKER techniques were applied. These techniques which followed a previously agreed upon plan were in three stages:

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- a) A phantasy in which [REDACTED] Results during this phase were good; the Subject had no control. Time, approximately fifteen to twenty minutes.
 - b) A phantasy in which [REDACTED] Results were again very good. Time, approximately forty to forty-five minutes.
 - c) Following development of the phantasies as noted above, the Subject was more or less directly interrogated by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] introducing [REDACTED] Results only fair although the Subject had little control. Time, approximately fifteen minutes.

17. Immediately following the conclusion of the ANTICHOKE treatments, a general conference was held with all hands present and it was agreed at this time that further ANTICHOKE treatments were unnecessary; that results were conclusive and that in view of the Subject's importance, additional work with chemicals or with the H technique might possibly antagonize the Subject and, hence, would be unwarranted and unwise.

18. Following the conclusion of the general discussion, all technical apparatus was removed from the premises and all participating personnel except [redacted] left the area after the [redacted] had checked the Subject.

A 19. On Sunday, 23 January and between 12:00 noon and approximately 1:30 PM, the [redacted] returned to the safe house and again re-examined the physical and mental condition of the Subject. At this time, the Subject reported he had slept fairly well but he had a persistent headache. The [redacted] pointed out that the headache was a natural consequence of the "examination" and it would gradually disappear. In addition, the [redacted] wrote a prescription to be picked up in another name which was for future use of the Subject as a general sedative.

20. At 1:50 PM approximately, [redacted] left the safe house and Subject was turned over for handling to case officers of the participating Division.

CONCLUSIONS

A 21. In the opinion of the ANTICHOKE team, the operation was profitable and successful. In this case, the Subject was aware that he had been given certain types of solutions but as to what he had been given or amounts given he had no knowledge. Checks made by [redacted] and later [redacted] apparently indicated that the Subject, although not having specific amnesia for the ANTICHOKE treatment, nevertheless was completely confused and memory was vague and faulty. This vagueness and failure of memory was intensified by the [redacted] explanation that the Subject had been dreaming--an opinion which it appears the Subject shared, at least in part.

SPECIAL COMMENTS

22. The work of the case officers of the participating Division in connection with this case was exceptionally good. Their understanding and appreciation of the ANTICHOKE techniques was extremely helpful.

A G 23. The ANTICHOKE Team wishes to commend [redacted] for the expert handling of the support function at the [redacted] which greatly assisted in the development of the ANTICHOKE work.

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MEMO TO THE FILE

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1. On 7 January 1955, between 11:00 AM and 12:00 noon, the writer and [redacted] talked to [redacted] relative the special case. [redacted] briefed the writer in detail and answered pertinent questions directed to him by [redacted]. At the conclusion of the briefing, [redacted] stated he would prefer to work on the case the 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th of January if a safe area could be arranged. He stated he still preferred working [redacted]. He also insisted that his name not be mentioned in any way whatsoever since he did not want any leaks in this matter. The writer advised both [redacted] and [redacted] he felt that as far as Security was concerned, those dates were all right and it was proposed the subject be brought [redacted] the evening of Thursday, 20 January with the actual work beginning possibly Friday, the 21st. The writer also asked [redacted] of his feelings in regard to the use of [redacted] for special B work and [redacted] stated he thought that would be interesting and stated he would be willing to assist in connection with this if necessary. The writer informed [redacted] he would brief [redacted] Monday evening at [redacted] and check him out as to availability for the 21st, 22nd, 23rd as required.

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2. In a subsequent conversation in the writer's car, it was agreed between the writer and [redacted] that it would be necessary for someone to discuss the matter with [redacted]. [redacted] stated he had to see [redacted] for another reason and he would brief him. However, the writer stated he thought it better if [redacted] talked with [redacted] in connection with briefing [redacted] and that [redacted] should be present when [redacted] was briefed.

3. It was agreed that [redacted] would brief in [redacted] but that technical details such as [redacted] name, etc. could be omitted from the above mentioned briefing; however, this should be left to the discretion of [redacted]. It is suggested that [redacted] get in touch with [redacted] on Monday and work out details regarding the briefing of both [redacted].

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